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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM CHRISTOPHER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT: AUGUST 9 ABA SPEECH

1. THANK YOU FOR THE MIDDLE EAST ADDITION TO THE N.Y.
SPEECH. I HAVE MADE MINOR REVISIONS IN SUGGESTED
ADDITION WHICH NOW READS AS FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN QUOTE: IN THE TIME AVAILABLE, I CANNOT TREAT
IN DETAIL OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, NO REGIONAL CON-
FLICT HAS THREATENED WORLD PEACE MORE PERSISTENTLY.

OUR DEEP INVOLVEMENT IN MEDIATING THE DISPUTE BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS, AND OUR STRONG HOPE THAT
A JUST AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT CAN BE FOUND ARE THE
RESULT OF THREE CRUCIAL NATIONAL PRIORITIES: FIRST,
OUR UNSHAKABLE COMMITMENT TO THE SECURITY AND SURVIVAL
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OF ISRAEL; SECOND, THE VITAL RELATIONS WHICH WE MAINTAIN
WITH THE ARAB WORLD; AND THIRD, OUR CONCERN THAT THE
SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST DOES NOT BROADEN INTO GREAT
POWER CONFLICT.

OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE SUCH A SETTLEMENT HAVE REACHED
A CRITICAL STAGE. AS THE SECRETARY HAS LEARNED DURING

HIS LATEST MISSION, THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG DESIRE TO REACH A TRUE AND DURABLE PEACE. BUT AT THIS POINT A MAJOR EFFORT IS NEEDED IF NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO SUCCEED. FOR THIS REASON, THE PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN HAVE ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO COME TO CAMP DAVID ON SEPTEMBER 5TH FOR A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO SEEK A FRAMEWORK FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

IN OUR SEARCH FOR PEACE, WE HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS DEEP. IT HELPS TO MAINTAIN PEACE IN THE AREA AND CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A FUTURE SETTLEMENT. IT CONTINUES TO SUPPORT REFUGEES AND TO PROVIDE MACHINERY FOR PEACEKEEPING AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

WE WILL GIVE OUR FULL BACKING TO UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMS WHICH SUPPORT UN FORCES WHICH ARE STATIONED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, AND THE SINAI. THE RENEWAL OF THEIR MANDATES IS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO US. LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, WE WILL RELY ON THE UNITED NATIONS ALSO TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN STIMULATING ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE AREA. END QUOTE.

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH RETAINING SEVERAL UN SENTENCES, I HAVE DROPPED THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEORY THAT IT MAY PUT UNDUE EMPHASIS AND SUGGEST A POLICY DEPARTURE: BEGIN QUOTE: WITHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS THE DELICATE BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHICH NOW EXISTS COULD NOT BE MAINTAINED; WITHOUT A UNITED NATIONS CONTRIBUTION NO FUTURE SETTLEMENT WILL BE POSSIBLE. END QUOTE.

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